

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for monitoring network packets transmitted within a distributed data processing system, the method comprising:
 - monitoring multiple sources of network packets within the distributed data processing system;
 - identifying a source of network packets as generating network packets having packet size characteristics directly related to packet size of individual packets of the network packets that satisfy one or more predetermined conditions; and
 - alerting a system administrator to the identified source of network packets.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein a predetermined condition of the one or more predetermined conditions is a packet size less than a predetermined packet size threshold value.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein a predetermined condition of the one or more predetermined conditions is a computed percentage value of an actual packet payload size in comparison to a maximum available packet payload size.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein a predetermined condition of the one or more predetermined conditions is a count of a number of packets, where the number of packets is the number of individual packets having a packet size less than a predetermined packet size threshold value, satisfying one or more predetermined conditions that exceed a predetermined maximum count threshold value.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein a predetermined condition of the one or more predetermined conditions is a computed percentage value of a number of packets, where the number of packets is the number of individual packets having a packet size less than a predetermined packet size threshold value, satisfying one or more predetermined conditions in comparison to a number of packets from the identified source of network packets.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - in response to a request of the system administrator, halting execution of the identified source.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
in response to a request of the system administrator, pausing execution of the identified source.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
initiating a packet snooping session.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8 further comprising:
deploying distributed packet snoopers from a packet usage manager to monitor the multiple sources of network packets.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9 further comprising:
receiving packet filtering parameters at [[a]] each of the distributed packet ~~snooper~~ snoopers,
wherein the packet filtering parameters specify at least a packet type and a packet size of a packet;
matching packet filtering parameters against transmitted packets; and
returning packet usage events to the packet usage manager in response to a determination that a packet surpassed a limitation specified by the packet filtering parameters.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising:
receiving a request for an action at a target resource within the distributed data processing system,
wherein completion of the action depends upon operations of a set of resources along a logical route
through the distributed data processing system, wherein the request for the action at the target resource is
associated with a user or an application.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising:
deriving one of the packet filtering parameters from an application or a user associated with the
request for the action at the target resource.
13. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising:
selecting by the system administrator one of the packet filtering parameters by choosing among a
plurality of active applications or users within the data processing system.
14. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising:
deriving a set of logical routes from a network topology mapping, wherein each logical route is a
series of endpoints that comprise an endpoint-to-endpoint route for completing the requested action.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
displaying the identified source of network packets to the system administrator in real time.
16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for monitoring network packets transmitted within a distributed data processing system, the apparatus comprising:
means for monitoring multiple sources of network packets within the distributed data processing system;
means for identifying a source of network packets as generating network packets having packet size characteristics directly related to packet size of individual packets of the network packets that satisfy one or more predetermined conditions; and
means for alerting a system administrator to the identified source of network packets.
17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein a predetermined condition of the one or more predetermined conditions is a packet size less than a predetermined packet size threshold value.
18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein a predetermined condition of the one or more predetermined conditions is a computed percentage value of an actual packet payload size in comparison to a maximum available packet payload size.
19. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein a predetermined condition of the one or more predetermined conditions is a count of a number of packets, where the number of packets is the number of individual packets having a packet size less than a predetermined packet size threshold value, satisfying one or more predetermined conditions that exceed a predetermined maximum count threshold value.
20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein a predetermined condition of the one or more predetermined conditions is a computed percentage value of a number of packets, where the number of packets is the number of individual packets having a packet size less than a predetermined packet size threshold value, satisfying one or more predetermined conditions in comparison to a number of packets from the identified source of network packets.
21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16 further comprising:
means for halting execution of the identified source in response to a request of the system administrator.

22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16 further comprising:
means for pausing execution of the identified source in response to a request of the system administrator.
23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16 further comprising: means for initiating a packet snooping session.
24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 23 further comprising:
means for deploying distributed packet snoopers from a packet usage manager to monitor the multiple sources of network packets.
25. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 24 further comprising:
means for receiving packet filtering parameters at [[a]] each of the distributed packet ~~snooper~~ snoopers, wherein the packet filtering parameters specify at least a packet type and a packet size of a packet;
means for matching packet filtering parameters against transmitted packets; and
means for returning packet usage events to the packet usage manager in response to a determination that a packet surpassed a limitation specified by the packet filtering parameters.
26. (Original) The apparatus of claim 25 further comprising:
means for receiving a request for an action at a target resource within the distributed data processing system, wherein completion of the action depends upon operations of a set of resources along a logical route through the distributed data processing system, wherein the request for the action at the target resource is associated with a user or an application.
27. (Original) The apparatus of claim 26 further comprising:
means for deriving one of the packet filtering parameters from an application or a user associated with the request for the action at the target resource.
28. (Original) The apparatus of claim 26 further comprising:
means for selecting by the system administrator one of the packet filtering parameters by choosing among a plurality of active applications or users within the data processing system.

29. (Original) The apparatus of claim 26 further comprising:
means for deriving a set of logical routes from a network topology mapping, wherein each logical route is a series of endpoints that comprise an endpoint-to-endpoint route for completing the requested action.
30. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16 further comprising:
means for displaying the identified source of network packets to the system administrator in real time.
31. (Currently Amended) A computer program product in a computer-readable medium for use within a distributed data processing system for monitoring network packets transmitted within the distributed data processing system, the computer program product comprising:
instructions for monitoring multiple sources of network packets within the distributed data processing system;
instructions for identifying a source of network packets as generating network packets having packet size characteristics directly related to packet size of individual packets of the network packets that satisfy one or more predetermined conditions; and
instructions for alerting a system administrator to the identified source of network packets.
32. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 31 wherein a predetermined condition of the one or more predetermined conditions is a packet size less than a predetermined packet size threshold value.
33. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 31 wherein a predetermined condition of the one or more predetermined conditions is a computed percentage value of an actual packet payload size in comparison to a maximum available packet payload size.
34. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 31 wherein a predetermined condition of the one or more predetermined conditions is a count of a number of packets, where the number of packets is the number of individual packets having a packet size less than a predetermined packet size threshold value, ~~satisfying one or more predetermined conditions~~ that exceed a predetermined maximum count threshold value.

35. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 31 wherein a predetermined condition of the one or more predetermined conditions is a computed percentage value of a number of packets, where the number of packets is the number of individual packets having a packet size less than a predetermined packet size threshold value, satisfying one or more predetermined conditions in comparison to a number of packets from the identified source of network packets.
36. (Original) The computer program product of claim 31 further comprising:
instructions for halting execution of the identified source in response to a request of the system administrator.
37. (Original) The computer program product of claim 31 further comprising:
instructions for pausing execution of the identified source in response to a request of the system administrator.
38. (Original) The computer program product of claim 31 further comprising:
instructions for initiating a packet snooping session.
39. (Original) The computer program product of claim 38 further comprising:
instructions for deploying distributed packet snoopers from a packet usage manager to monitor the multiple sources of network packets.
40. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 39 further comprising:
instructions for receiving packet filtering parameters at [[a]] each of the distributed packet ~~snooper~~ snoopers, wherein the packet filtering parameters specify at least a packet type and a packet size of a packet;
instructions for matching packet filtering parameters against transmitted packets; and
instructions for returning packet usage events to the packet usage manager in response to a determination that a packet surpassed a limitation specified by the packet filtering parameters.
41. (Original) The computer program product of claim 40 further comprising:
instructions for receiving a request for an action at a target resource within the distributed data processing system, wherein completion of the action depends upon operations of a set of resources along a logical route through the distributed data processing system, wherein the request for the action at the target resource is associated with a user or an application.

42. (Original) The computer program product of claim 41 further comprising:
instructions for deriving one of the packet filtering parameters from an application or a user associated with the request for the action at the target resource
43. (Original) The computer program product of claim 41 further comprising:
instructions for selecting by the system administrator one of the packet filtering parameters by choosing among a plurality of active applications or users within the data processing system.
44. (Original) The computer program product of claim 41 further comprising:
instructions for deriving a set of logical routes from a network topology mapping, wherein each logical route is a series of endpoints that comprise an endpoint-to-endpoint route for completing the requested action.
45. (Original) The computer program product of claim 41 further comprising:
instructions for displaying the identified source of network packets to the system administrator in real time.